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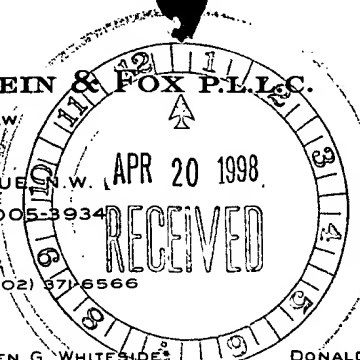
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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Appl. No. 08/896,053  
Filed: July 17, 1997  
For: **Method of Inducing Vasodilation and Treating Pulmonary Hypertension Using Adenoviral-Mediated Transfer of the Nitric Oxide Synthase Gene**  
Inventor(s): JANSSENS *et al.*  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted dated October 15, 1997, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Copy of the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted mailed October 15, 1997;
3. Original Declaration, executed by inventors Stefan Janssens & Désiré Collen;

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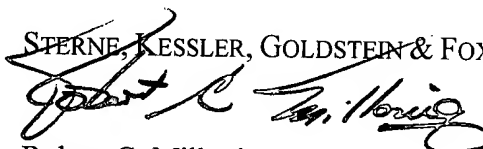
4. Original Declaration, executed by inventor Kenneth D. Bloch;
5. An original Power of Attorney from Multiple Assignees executed by officials from The General Hospital Corporation and Leuven Research Development, V.Z.W.;
6. Two Assignee Certificates Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), one from The General Hospital Corporation and the other from Leuven Research Development, V.Z.W.; with copy of Assignment attached to each;
7. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing including hard copy and computer readable form of Sequence Listing;
8. Return postcard; and
9. Our Check No. 21574 for \$2,430.00 to cover:
  - \$790.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
  - \$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
  - \$1510.00 Petition for Extension fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (four months)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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